

the HELICOPTER



The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 9/6/2022

The September 6, 2022 meeting of the Rotary Club of Pensacola was called to order at 12:04. There were 30+ Microsoft Teams attendees. President Bruce Partington had Ed Wonders on call to cover for him if a plumber called. He led the Four-Way Test. Rotarian Terry Scruggs led the prayer and pledge. Program chair Ed Wonders introduced Jena Melancon, founder and executive director of Gulf Coast Diplomacy.

Jena asked everyone to imagine sitting in a room and conversing with a Japanese journalist about their time in the Middle East, then a Uruguayan university provost about helping Syrian refugees, then a Vietnam American Desk worker, etc. This kind of “community coffee” is something that Gulf Coast Diplomacy offers frequently. The idea of “citizen diplomacy” is to affect foreign relations one handshake at a time. There’s no application process; people are approached based on their activities and projects that meet US foreign policy goals. (For example, combatting domestic violence, food safety best practices, etc. — around 100 different topics they look at.) Local youth learn skills like media literacy and meet with foreign visitors. They were approved to host a summit in 2020 right before the pandemic shut everything down, so it was postponed. “Diplomacy Begins Here” summit will take place September 22-23. “Local STEAM to Global Innovation” is the theme. Lyceum speakers will sit at tables at Blue Wahoos Stadium, with three rotations so people can talk to multiple. Everyone is invited; “I can’t be the only Pensacolian there, I need you to be ambassadors of Pensacola.” It’s a way to “let your city shine,” connect with local and national experts, explore STEAM- and innovation-related topics, and get familiar with IVLP (International Visitor Leadership Program). Scholarships are available for students to cover registration fee.

Bruce thanked Jena and said both of his children were part of the Youth Diplomat Program, which helped them as they applied to colleges, and he recommends it to other students.

Ed Wonders asked which countries are sending people. Jena said that

most of her work is with groups who are here for 3-4 days and include all nations except those excluded (like North Korea, Iran, etc.). Most recent group of youth were from central and south America, but youth from Iraq came recently. Brazilian program is the State Department’s oldest. Professional visitors recently included group of Armenian judges who visited Rotarian Roger Vinson.

Roger Vinson asked if the STEAM itinerary would be taken to MESS Hall or other places. The Washington DC guests will go to Naval Aviation Museum and Flight Academy on Wednesday, a reception on Thursday at the Pensacola Museum of History, and after summit there will be site visits to MESS Hall and IHMC.

Betty Roberts asked if there is a guidebook or brochure for interested students. Bruce shared the Gulf Coast Diplomacy website. Jena said that Jacob Shively and Megan Pratt are co-chairs of the committee.

Bruce had announcements: next Tuesday will be another Teams-only meeting due to a conflict at the Yacht Club. “Pints for Polio” will take place on September 30 at Perfect Plain. Annual pledge forms have been distributed, 25 people have returned so far. Potential new members can attend three lunch meetings for free. He shared several noteworthy events on this date in history.

Collier Merrill led Sunshine. Dr Caleb Heifner was the only guest. This week’s birthdays: Jim Flournoy, John Tice and Ellis Bullock. Collier told two jokes, about a child in the hospital for eating money (“there’s been no change,” said the nurse) and a lawyer and priest who pulled their heads from the guillotine and an engineer who “sees what the problem is.”

Next week’s speaker is Sally Fox, who will be talking about Rotary’s fight against polio. Bruce thanked everyone who made the meeting possible. Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm. Minutes submitted by Joe Vinson.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

TODAY OUR MEETING WILL ONLY BE ON LINE via MICROSOFT TEAMS.

The Rotary Club of Pensacola has a new email address. cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org and info@pensacolarotaryclub.org are tied into our website and all new correspondence should be directed to my email address. The old email address rcopens@bellsouth.net will only be available for a short period of time.

We are now streaming our meeting using Microsoft Teams. If you already have a Microsoft account, you can join the meeting just like any other. If you don’t have a Microsoft account, there aren’t any special downloads or requirements to join as a guest. Click here for a quick overview of accessing Microsoft Teams as a guest. The meeting join information will be sent out in the same manner as before. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please let me know. 850-434-0684

Our Clubs Annual Pledge Drive has begun. Along with our Club Foundation, Rotary International EREY and Polio Plus, a new category has been added to give. The Hanwash Project collaborative national initiatives to provide and sustain clean water in order to promote prosperity and better health to the people of Haiti. Pledge forms will be available at the weekly meeting every Tuesday or you can request a pledge form at cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org.

Help End Polio One Pint of Beer at a Time. District 6940 Combined Rotary Clubs will take place on September 30th at Perfect Plain Brewing Co., 50 East Garden Street, 5:30 - 8:30. Wristbands are \$15. in advance, \$20. at the door. A wristband will get you a mug and your first beer. Brats will be available for a \$3.00 donation. Details available at cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org

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2022-2023 Club Officers

•President	Bruce Partington
•Past President	Ed Wonders
•President Elect	Charles Beall
•Secretary	Lisa York
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
•Sergeant At Arms	Scott Grissett
•Communications Officer	Betty Roberts

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Clubs Available for Makeup

Five Flags	McQuire's Irish Pub	Mon.	12:00 pm
Gulf Breeze	Legends at Andrews Institute	Tues.	7:00 am
Milton	The Hangar Restaurant	Tues.	12:00 pm
Seville	Seville Quarter	Tues.	4:15 pm
Cantonment	St. Luke's United Methodist Church	Wed.	12:15 pm
Perdido	The Point Church	Wed.	7:30 am
Pace	Stonebrook Village Country Club	Thur.	7:00 am
Cordova	Gulf Coast Kid's House	Thur.	7:00 am
Suburban West	Pensacola Yacht Club	Thur.	12:00 pm
Navarre	Broussard's Cajun Restaurant	Fri.	12:00 pm
Pensacola North	Hyatt Place - Pensacola Airport	Fri.	12:00 pm

District Governor

Dan Sulgar
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

In an effort to increase the membership of our club, at the most recent board meeting it was decided to extend the offer of three free lunches for potential new members.

The Helicopter Committee is looking for members to take the minutes at the weekly meeting. If you are interested in participating in this committee, please contact Betty Roberts at bettybroberts@cox.net or Chris Bridwell at cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org

Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter. Your ad will run for a full month each week. Business card size ads are \$25.00, a 1/4 page is \$50.00, and a 1/2 page ad is \$75.00. To place your ad send the prepared document to cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org stating the size of the ad you wish to place. **Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.**

To pay your quarterly Rotary Club dues with a credit card/debit card go to <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/payment>. Please note a service charge will be applied to your payment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
September 13th through September 19th

Charles Kahn, Jr. – September 14 – born in San Antonio, TX, in Rotary 10 years , Paul Harris Fellow +5

Howard Reddy – September 14 – born in Carlow, Ireland, in Rotary 4 years



Greeters and Ticket Sales

September 20

Greeters: Bobby Behr and George Biggs
Ticket Sales: Judy Bense and Steve Black

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

September 13

Prayer/Pledge: Lisa York Sunshine: Scott Ford

September 20

Prayer/Pledge: Madison Currin Sunshine: Leslie Mickles

Program Schedule

September

13 - Sally Fox - Polio
20 - Tom Pace - America's Cup
27 - David Stafford - Elections

What's Happening in Rotary

September

13 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting via Microsoft Team
20 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Microsoft Team
1:00 Board Meeting
27 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club and Microsoft Team